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FOL RPT BANGKOK 10537 ACTION CHIANG MAI INFO SECSTATE  
11 APR 78 QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 10537

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF TH LA  
SUBJ: RTG REFUGEE POLICY

REF: CHIANG MAI 115 (REPEATED TO SECSTATE AS BANGKOK 9126)

1. A JVR REPRESENTATIVE RETURNED FROM CHIANG KHONG APRIL  
11. LOCAL THAI OFFICIALS AND REFUGEES IN THE CHM KHONG CAMP  
INFORMED HIM THAT AT LEAST 64 YAO HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY REPAT-  
RIATED TO LAOS IN TWO GROUPS. THE FIRST WAS A GROUP OF 12 WHO  
ENTERED THAILAND MARCH 9 AND WERE RETURNED MARCH 15. THEY WERE  
ALL REPORTEDLY KILLED ON THE LAO SIDE (REFTEL). TWO OTHER  
GROUPS OF YAO CROSSED TO THE THAI SIDE FROM NAM KEUN: 28 ON  
MARCH 14, AND 24 ON MARCH 17. THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO CHIANG  
KHONG. THE DISTRICT OFFICER MARCH 27 PERSONALLY SUPERVISED THEIR  
TRANSPORT BY TRUCK TO HAT WAI, OPPOSITE NAM KEUN AND THEY WERE  
SENT BACK IN TWO BOATS TO THE LAO SHORE.

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2. THERE ARE 38 TO 50 HMONG AND THAI LEU AT CHIANG KHONG  
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. DISTRICT OFFICIALS REFUSED TO GIVE THE JVR  
REPRESENTATIVE PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW THEM, ALTHOUGH HE HAD  
KNOWN AND WORKED WITH THEM WHEN HE WAS FORMERLY STATIONED IN  
LAOS.

3. WE WILL ALERT THE UNHCR REGIONAL OFFICE OF THIS NEWS

APRIL 12. PLEASE SEEK AN EARLY MEETING WITH THE CHIANG RAI  
GOVERNOR, AND REEMPHASIZE OUR OPPOSITION TO FORCED  
REPATRIATION.  
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